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 SUBJECT: JERUSALEM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 REF: RABAT'S 03565

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FYI. KING HASSAN CALLED BACK AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN FOR SUBJECT MEETING DOUBTLESS TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE READOUT OF CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ON LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOYNIHAN AND REPRESENTATIVE LANTOS.

3. AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN TOLD AFN DIRECTOR HE IS STRONGLY OF THE OPINION, AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH WIDE RANGE OF RANKING ADMINISTRATION FIGURES AND OTHER OPINION MAKERS, THAT JERUSALEM COMMITTEE SHOULD ADOPT SOFT LINE ON CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING JERUSALEM AND KING HASSAN SHOULD HOLD HIMSELF "ABOVE THE BATTLE" TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE, LEST HIS REPRESENTATIONS TO US BACKFIRE IN CONGRESS AND HAVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECT ON AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. BENGELLOUN INTENDS TO URGE KING HASSAN TO DEFER ANY TRIP TO THE US IN THIS CONTEXT OR, BETTER YET, GIVE TASK TO SOMEONE LIKE OIC SYG CHATTI. END FYI.
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